

WASHINGTON - Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry and Congressmen John W.

"The Pioneer Valley Commission is doing a great job pulling the region together to meet this critical challenge,"

"We simply cannot allow a lack of funding to be the cause of ongoing damage to the Connecticut River,"

Congressman Olver said, "The Environmental Protection Agency unfunded mandate to correct combined

"From the Canadian border to the Atlantic Ocean, the Connecticut River is the crown jewel of our region."

Congressman Olver is a member of the Appropriations Committee and worked with Senators Kennedy and

The funding will assist the communities of Holyoke, Springfield, South Hadley, Chicopee and Ludlow in

The funding, which acts as a competitive grant program amongst these five communities, will be used for

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